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SUBJECT: PRIMIN WILLIAMS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

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1. GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR ELLIS CLARKE ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM TODAY FOR WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE FOLLOW-UP TO PRIME MINISTER'S DISCUSSION YESTERDAY (REFTELS) REGARDING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO UNITED STATES NEXT WEEK.

2. SIR ELLIS INDICATED AGAIN THAT WILLIAMS WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HAVE SOME CONTACT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WHILE IN US, EVEN IF ONLY A TELEPHONE CALL. ALSO, PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE PLEASED IF HE WERE CONTACTED BY GOVERNOR NELSON ROCKEFELLER OR DAVID ROCKEFELLER WHILE IN NEW YORK. WILLIAMS HAD BEEN NELSON ROCKEFELLER'S HOST IN TRINIDAD WHEN ROCKEFELLER UNDERTOOK SPECIAL LATIN AMERICAN MISSION FOR EISENHOWER.

3. REMINISCING ABOUT HIS YEARS AS GOTT AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, SIR ELLIS SAID HE HAD BEEN ASTONISHED TO RETURN TO TRINIDAD LAST YEAR AND FIND THAT PRIMIN AND PREVIOUS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HERE NOT SPEAKING. GIVEN WILLIAMS' ADMIRATION FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER, A FEW MINUTES OF THE SECRETARY'S TIME AND A PERSONAL CHAT
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WHILE WILLIAMS IS IN NEW YORK, SAID SIR ELLIS, COULD DO MORE

FOR US-GOTT RELATIONS THAN THE RESPECTIVE EFFORTS OF THE TWO OF US (THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND I) FOR TWO YEARS. HE ADDED SUCH A MEETING COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN CEMENTING RELATIONS WITH CARIBBEAN.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. IF SECRETARY IS TO BE IN NEW YORK DURING PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' STAY THERE THE IDEAL COURSE WOULD BE FOR SECRETARY TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER. BARRING THAT, URGE THAT SECRETARY FIND OPPORTUNITY AT LEAST TO PHONE WILLIAMS FROM WASHINGTON FOR BRIEF CHAT. IF THIS CAN BE DONE EARLY IN THE WEEK I DETECT POSSIBILITY THAT WILLIAMS WOULD EVEN ACCEPT INVITATION TO COME DOWN TO WASHINGTON FOR LUNCH WITH SECRETARY. IN FACT I BELIEVE HE MAY REALLY HOPE TO BE ASKED BUT HAS SAID HE WOULD NOT BE GOING TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY INDICATION OF SUPPLICATION OR ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO HIS PRIDE IF HE WERE BRUSHED OFF AS LEADER OF A SMALL COUNTRY. FROM WILLIAMS' POINT OF VIEW HE CANNOT GO TO WASHINGTON UNLESS IT WERE AT LEAST TO SEE THE SECRETARY PERSONALLY.

5. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ALSO CONTACT NELSON AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER AND INFORM THEM OF PRIME MINISTER'S TRAVEL PLANS, IN CASE THEY WISH TO ARRANGE A LUNCHEON FOR HIM IN NEW YORK OR A PHONE CALL FROM THE GOVERNOR.

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